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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

WELCOME:

It is a great pleasure for me to see so many familiar faces back at MSCC this semester. We feel very happy and privileged to have so many new students also. Because of each of you, Mat-Su Community College is experiencing a tremendous growth. This growth can be attributed to the character and caliber of the student body as well as the college staff. Each member of my staff is a dedicated, responsible person whose primary interest and purpose for being here is to help the student.

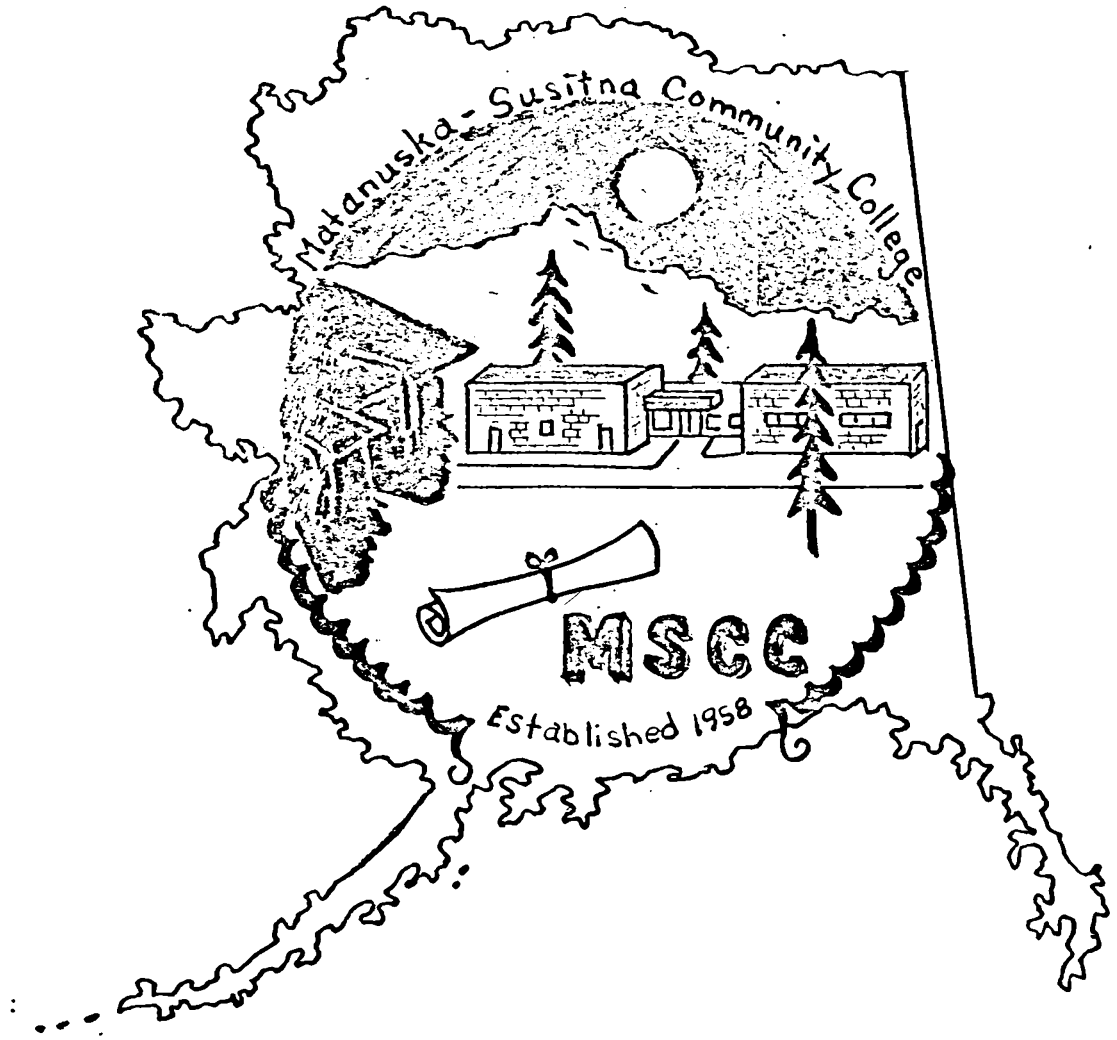
During my visits to Anchorage and some of the other campuses I am approached often by people who relate a compliment they have heard or something good about the people at MSCC. This always makes me prideful that I am associated with such a fine group of people--the students and staff at Mat-Su.

My hopes and prayers are that each one of you will have an enjoyable and rewarding semester. If I, or a member of my staff may assist you in any way, please let me know. Good luck to you in your academic endeavors.

Alvin S. Okeson

"My welfare rests in your hands,
Your welfare rests in my hands,
To trust each other is everything."

196th Reg. Combat Team
Battle of Pusan, 1951



The Matanuska-Susitna Community College Logo was submitted by Ms. Jackie Schmidt. She was the winner in the logo contest.

REMINDER:

Lock your vehicles. Do not leave valuable items in your auto. There have been a number of incidents where automobiles in the parking lot were broken into. Many of the items that were stolen were not recovered. If you notice anyone suspicious in the parking lots or around the school building, please notify one of the staff.

"Love is to hate as light is to darkness."

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM TESTS (CLEP)

The CLEP Tests will be given at MSCC on October 16 and 17. Test 2--Social Science and History and Test 4--Humanities will be administered on Tuesday, October 16, 1979, at 1:00 p.m. Test 3--Natural Science and Test 5--Math, will be administered on Wednesday, October 17, 1979, at 1:00 p.m. The cost for each test is $20. Those people completing the CLEP Tests with a 500 standard score may receive up to six semester hours of college credit for each test area with the exception of Test 5--Math, and the University of Alaska System allows only 3 semester hours of college credit in Math through CLEP testing.

Anyone desiring to challenge the CLEP Tests must sign up prior to October 10. See Dr. Hayes for information and details.

Living is the art of loving,
Loving is the art of caring,
Caring is the art of sharing,
Sharing is the art of living.

BUILDING PROJECT REPORT:

The new building authorized under the 1978 bonding proposal is progressing on schedule. Final schematic drawings have been completed and the project scheduled for bidding on October 29. If all goes well we expect a "notice to proceed" will be given on December 6. With any luck we should see ground being broken during the spring semester.

The college is expected to gain a little over 8000 square feet of classroom, laboratory, and office space. A copy of the preliminary drawings have been placed in the library.

This project also includes $8,100 for "Art in Public Places." Anyone having ideas relative to the type of art (sculpture, painting, etc.) they would like to see on campus should contact Al Okeson or Gene Scheer before October 8.

The recipe for perpetual ignorance is to be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge.

"NOBODY EVER TOLD ME"

Don't let this happen to you.
Take the time to discover and
become aware.

NEWS FROM CAREER EDUCATION:

The career education division is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard Musser to the position of coordinator/teacher in the refrigeration and heating technology program. Mr. Musser is a graduate of Purdue University with a master's degree in industrial education. Dick's extensive experience in the building maintenance trades, which includes heavy boilers, freezer and air conditioning system maintenance, add a new dimension to the refrigeration and heating program.

Our automotive technology program moved one step closer this week. Bids were awarded for $26,000 worth of automotive shop equipment. When this equipment is received the only thing missing will be the instructor. Although we are hoping the position will be authorized next year, we will be satisfied with FY 1982.

DEGREE APPLICATIONS:

All students who will be completing degree requirements during the fall 1979 semester should submit their applications for the degree by October 15, 1979. If you have not accomplished this painless task as of this date, you are urged to see Dr. Hayes at your earliest convenience.

If you have a need for a course to fulfill graduation or degree requirements, please make your need known as soon as possible.

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POLICY FOR AWARDING TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Each applicant for the MSCC Tuition Scholarship shall complete the State of Alaska Financial Aid Form. Forms are available in the Counseling Office. All applicants will attach a separate letter stating academic/vocational goals.

2. Each applicant must plan to attend MSCC as a full time student.

3. Tuition scholarships will be awarded in direct relationship to the individual's financial need.

4. Academic achievement will also be considered in determining the recipient of the tuition scholarship.

5. Age, race, religion, area of residence, and sex will not be a determinate in the selection of the scholarship recipients.

6. Each student receiving a tuition scholarship must maintain a 2.0 (C) G.P.A. in each course attempted for each semester while receiving the tuition scholarship.

7. Each scholarship recipient will be interviewed and recommended by a faculty committee of at least three people representing vocational education, academic education, and one member at large. The campus president will be an ex officio member.

8. The recipients of these scholarships must be an Alaska resident.

REGULATIONS FOR GED

AGE AND EXCEPTIONS

Applicants who are 18 years of age and who have officially withdrawn from school may take the GED tests and receive a diploma. Exceptions are determined by permission, not by types of extreme personal circumstances.

This is a breakdown of how persons under the age of 18 may qualify for testing:

17 years of age

Written parental permission and withdrawal slip
OR
Written permission from the local school board and withdrawal slip
OR
Legal emancipation document and withdrawal slip
OR
Military recruiter's letter and withdrawal slip
OR
Military service identification.

16 years of age and younger

Written permission from the local school board and withdrawal slip
OR
Legal emancipation document and withdrawal slip.

WITHDRAWAL SLIPS--Prior to admission for testing, a school withdrawal form must be presented to the examiner. Applications for persons 17 years and younger must have this document attached for the permanent file in Juneau.

Persons 18 years of age must be officially withdrawn from school but a document is not required for the permanent record. However, the examiner may request proof of withdrawal for any applicant.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide a withdrawal slip complete with dates, appropriate signatures, and telephone numbers of school officials.

MILITARY PERSONNEL--Persons 17 years of age may take the GED test without a school withdrawal slip if military identification is provided to the examiner. The branch of service and military rank of the examinee should be included on the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD--The chief examiner should be aware of procedures established by the local school district for handling requests from young people who wish to receive recommendations from the local school boards to take the GED test. In cases where the local board does not wish to respond to these requests or where the board has recommended that a person should not be tested, the individual may appeal to the Commissioner of Education for consideration.

It is in the best interest of the examiner to assure that parents or guardians of minors have been notified and have given approval before tests are administered.

A copy of the school board's recommendation must be attached to the application for permanent records in Juneau.

LEGAL EMANCIPATION--Any person 16 or 17 years of age may have the "disabilities of minority" removed through a petition to the superior court if it is found to be in the best interest of the petitioner to do so. This legal document grants the power and capacity of an adult for all general purposes except using alcohol and voting.

The date and number of the emancipation document must be recorded on the GED application that is sent to Juneau.

MILITARY ENLISTMENT--Persons 17 years of age may take the GED test for military induction. A letter from the recruiter must be attached to the application sent to Juneau. Also a withdrawal slip from the school last attended must accompany the application.

It is in the best interest of the examiner to assure that parents or guardians of minors have been notified and have given approval before tests are administered.